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Fem. Corpus gracillimum, sublineare, nitens, scitissime squameum, parce hirtum: caput transversum, breve, convexum, thorace latius: antennæ graciles, extrorsum crassiores, corporis dimidio longiores; articulus 1^{us} gracilis, sublinearis; 2^{us} longicyathiformis; 4^{us} 3^o brevior; 5^{us} adhuc brevior; clava fusiformis, acuminata, articulo 5^o plus dimidio longior: thorax longiovatus, convexus: prothorax brevissimus, supra vix conspicuus: mesothoracis scutum latitudine longius; parapsidum suturæ bene determinatæ; scutellum breviconicum, metathorax transversus, mediocris: petiolus brevissimus: abdomen longi-fusiforme, thorace multo longius, supra planum, subtus carinatum, apice acuminatum: oviductus exertus, brevis: pedes graciles: alis nervus ulnaris humerali longior, radialis vix ullus, cubitalis sat longus.

Sp. 37. Cirr. Mycerinus, Fem. *Cupreus viridi-varius, antennæ fuscæ, pedes fulvi; alæ limpidæ.*

Nigro-cupreus: oculi et ocelli rufi: antennæ pallide fuscæ, subtus fulvæ: thoracis latera viridi-varia: oviductus vaginæ nigræ: pedes fulvi; coxæ